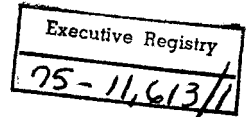


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## NOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR

The purpose of this is to raise a brief note of caution for your consideration in your disposition of the [ ] Committee report which will be coming out in final form within the next day or two. To me personally, the Committee's report is commendable because it contains fresh thinking about old problems. In being made available to senior officials within the Government, it can acquire some credit for CIA and for you because of its freshness.

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On the other hand, it is limited in that it fails to consider a wide range of alternative arrangements. For example, only one option is given for the subordination of NRO which would be placed under CIA. To some key members of your IC Staff, who are among your most solid supporters, no matter how you phrase your covering remarks, your dissemination of the study will imply your concurrence to some extent and will cause storms in some parts of the Government, particularly the DoD.

In my judgment, your ringing endorsement of "any" solution to future organization advanced by you at this stage would fall on deaf ears. Politically and symbolically, within the Administration and on the Hill, you cannot be seen to be the architect of the Community's future structure. The process must involve the imposition of new arrangements by higher external authority. Under these circumstances, your best position would be to present findings and studies which illuminate issues, provide pros and cons, distinguish between the feasible and infeasible, and point out what is harmful and what can be constructive.

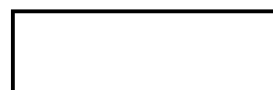
We have toyed with the possibility of trying to come up with an IC Staff study which could add options to the [ ] study, but this would be time consuming and perhaps confusing to others in town. We think it best to pursue the work of [ ] Task Force. The IC Staff will contribute its suggestions and talents to the work of that Task Force as it moves ahead.

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Meanwhile, to sum this up, it is our strong hope and recommendation that the [ ] Committee solution not be endorsed by you as your proposal or as the only one possible, and that in circulating it, note is made that a number of other options also need to be explored.

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